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Responsive to the Official Action dated November 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 10 and 18-31, wherein the process of claim 10 comprises reaction 1, classified in class 549 and various subclasses.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction between Groups I-XXII. The groupings are based on different reactions used to produce the claimed compound. The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed because the Office has not established that the inventions of Groups I-XXII lack a single general inventive concept.

The Office has not established that the inventions of Groups I-XXII lack a single general inventive concept, thereby lacking unity of invention. MPEP §1850 states:



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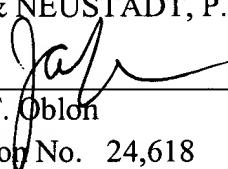
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Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

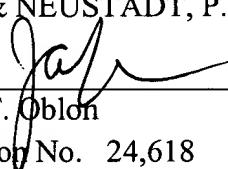
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